

men ever had greater foes to meet or greater opposition to overcome. Yet this immortal band continued undaunted in their labors, their valor, their heroisms, their self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of their Master enabled them to conquer foe after foe and gain victory after victory until they had brought into subjection one of the mightiest powers the world has ever known. But in the fifth century this missionary spirit began to wane and the church fell into a state of utter oblivion as to her mission of conquering the world. And all down thru the dark ages the church presents the sad spectacle of a vanquished foe.

The sixteenth century however witnessed a remarkable era in missionary labors. The Bible so long a chained book had the clasp of papal powers broken and the masses had again given to them the word of God. This century saw John Eliot, the apostle, preaching the word of God to the North American Indians, Baron Justinian Ernst Von Welz a missionary to Dutch Guana. The seventeenth century witnessed Bartholomew Ziegenbald and Henry Plutschaw preaching to the people in India, Han Egede spreading the glad tidings on Greenland's icy mountains, Count Von Zinzerdorf who founded the Moravian Brotherhood which at the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its mission work in 1882 had sent forth 2170 missionaries, planted one hundred and thirteen stations, 211 schools and 89 Sunday-schools with a total of 2300 pupils and expended 52,000 pounds yearly at a cost of only three per cent for administration. Also Christian Friederick Swartz founder of the native Christian church in India. The eighteenth century brought forth William Carey the pioneer in organized missions, Robert Morrison the apostle of China, Samuel J. Mills founder of missions in America, Adoniram Judson apostle to Burma, Captain Allen J. Gardiner pioneer of Terra Del Fuego, John Williams the apostle of the south seas. Louis Harms the missionary pastor, David Livingstone Africa's pioneer, Alexander Duff pioneer of education in India—these with many others have been going forth until the golden stars of missionary enterprise are illuminating the dark lands of heathen nations and walls of superstition and idolatry are being overthrown on all parts of the globe, and yet the work is not completed; it is scarcely begun. Nineteen centuries have rolled away since Christ gave the command, "Go ye therefore," and today we have 200,000,000 Mohammedans, 250,000,000 of pagans and 714,000,000 of heathen. A sum so enormous that the finite mind cannot comprehend it, while in the United States alone there are 30,000,000 of people not belonging to any church. The age of missions is upon us. One by one the iron doors of heathen opposition have been thrown wide open to us, and from all parts of the world comes the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us." In the last year, Cuba, Porto Rica and the Philippine Islands have joined this mighty chorus, wanting the bread and water

of eternal life. And Jesus stands before us as truly as the Revelator ever beheld him and says, "Behold I have placed before you an open door. I open, and no man shutteth; I shut and no man openeth." But the question arises, What can we do under these circumstances, in our weak and helpless condition with no funds at our command, without being able to supply the wants of our home churches, what need we think of occupying a foreign field? And thus we are left in this deplorable situation.

Whatever may be said against missionary work at home or abroad, the fact remains, nevertheless, that never in the history of the church was there so much wealth in the possession of Christian people as now. Never before were there such magnificent opportunities offered for evangelization as this age affords. Never before were there so many Christians to carry out this command of Christ, "Go ye therefore." The only logical conclusion that we can arrive at, is that it is not so much a question of ability, not so much a question of numbers, as a lack of missionary zeal.

What if the forty millions of Protestants would all become missionaries? What if the twenty thousand members of the Brethren church would all become missionaries? What if we had forty millions of Christians like Paul, or even twenty thousand like Carey or Judson? I say it rather reluctantly, yet without hesitation, that if we had the missionary zeal that we ought to have, in twenty-five years we could take the whole world for Christ. If a little church of a hundred and twenty members with only a few ignorant fishermen to lead them could in the apostolic days when wickedness sat upon the throne and debauchery and crime reigned supreme, could in four hundred years take the Roman Empire, what could forty millions do now with all the enormous wealth that Christian people have today? Twenty thousand millions of dollars come into the possession of Protestant church members every year. A sum too immense for us to conceive. If one tenth of this, which was the minimum, and three tenths the maximum laid down by God for people to give under the old dispensation, were given for missions we would have two hundred times as much money as we now have, for mission purposes. At this rate ten million dollars come into the hands of the Brethren church each year, one tenth would give us a million dollars for missions. Even if each member would lay by one penny each day for missions, we would have sixty thousand a year. Yet with all these facts staring us in the face, our Mission Boards go begging and the sums that are given for this purpose are so insignificant that it makes our cheeks blush when we speak of them. Wealth, immense wealth, but not for Christ; talents, but not for Christ; numbers, but not for Christ; clothed in soft raiment, surrounded by all the luxuries of the age, we are spending our days in ease and pleasure.

We dare not for a moment compare ourselves with the primitive Christians, nor even

think of the gifts that idol worshipers lavish upon the fanes and shrines of their false gods. When we compare our sacrifices with these they put us to open shame. And yet the divine injunction is, remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said unto you, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and "Go ye therefore." O my brethren and fellow workers in the cause of Christ, we need to make greater sacrifices for the salvation of the world. We need more of that zeal that made the first Christians such mighty instruments in the hands of God. We need more missionaries at home, more abroad, more missionaries in the store, more missionaries in the shop, more missionaries in the kitchen, more missionaries on the farm. In short, we need every Christian to become a missionary at heart and the knowledge of the Lord will soon cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

June Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

RECEIPTS GENERAL FUND

I. D. S., Ashland, Ohio,	\$ 5 00
W. & I. M., Nevada, Mo.,	2 00
W. S. McL., Glendale, Arizona,	7 00
Star Brethren S. S., Mulvane, Kans.,	1 00
A sister, Downsville, Md.,	25
A sister, Columbus, Ohio,	35
Missionary Barrel Opening at Fairview, Ind.,	96
No. 1, J. H. L.,	33
No. 2, H. W. L.,	27
No. 3, D. L.,	22
No. 4, Mrs. P. C. F.,	32
No. 5, W. F.,	05
No. 6, R. F.,	22
No. 7, R. & R. F.,	30
No. 8, B. L. F.,	32
No. 9, M. F.,	89
No. 10, K. F.,	35
No. 11, I. H.,	2 40
No. 12, A. H.,	1 11
No. 13, M. F.,	78
No. 14, A. W.,	19
No. 15, name not given,	44
No. 16, J. A.,	3 97
No. 17, D. A.,	5 61
No. 18, D. A.,	6 35
No. 19, D. A.,	1 71
No. 20, Mrs. D. A.,	1 00
No. 21, Mrs. D. A.,	2 00
Collection, (Basket)	
	\$ 45 39

CHICAGO FUND

Brethren church, Flora, Ind.,	5 25
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DAYTON FUND

Bear Creek S. S. C. E.,	2 00
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WASHINGTON FUND

Offerings Washington City church,	\$ 14 20
G. B., Altoona, Pa.,	1 00
Conemaugh church, Pa.,	3 00
Pittsburg church, Pa.,	1 93
Laurel Hill church, Va.,	2 00

\$ 22 13

EXPENDITURES

Order No. 65, J. O. Talley, Chi.,	\$ 25 00
" " 66, " " " "	25 00
Am't sent direct to W. M. Lyon,	22 21

\$ 72 21

Receipts previously reported,	\$ 1597 89
Receipts during the month,	74 77

Total, \$ 1672 66